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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO DEMARCHE TO GOK

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1. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY DURING CALL ON MFA ACTING UNDERSECRETARY AUGUST 3 TO REINFORCE EARLIER DICUSSIONS AT MFA RE PUERTO RICO ISSUE AT UPCOMING COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT. REFERRING TO EARLIER DEMARCHE (REFTEL), I SAID I WISHED STRESS HOW IMPORTANT USG FEELS THIS ISSUE IS AND HOW SERIOUSLY AMERICAN PEOPLE TAKE RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING USG ON SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO. THIS REACTION HAS IMPACT NOT ONLY ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS WHO ENDORSE SUCH RESOLUTIONS, BUT ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECTS US PUBLIC VIEW OF UNITED NATIONS ITSELF.

2. EMPHASIZING THAT WE RESENT SUGGESTIONS FOSTERED AT SOME INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS THAT PUERTO RICANS HAVE ANYTHING BUT
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COMPLETE FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH USG, I ASKED

THAT GOK NEITHER SUPPORT NOR ENDORSE SUCH SUGGESTIONS. I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOK DELEGATION AT COLOMBO WOULD INDEED TAKE TROUBLE TO MAKE POINT OPENLY THAT PUERTO RICANS DO HAVE FREE CHOICE AS WILL BE DEMONSTRATED YET AGAIN IN NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. GRANTING THAT ISSUE DOES NOT LOOM LARGE IN STRICTLY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, I RE-EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS ONE OF PARTICULAR EMOTIONAL CONCERN TO AMERICAN PEOPLE.

3. IN RESPONSE MY REQUEST, ACTING UNDERSECRETARY UNDERTOOK TO EXPLAIN USG POSITION AND DESIRES TO HIS MINISTER, WHO WILL HEAD GOK DELEGATION AT COLOMBO. HE ASSURED ME THAT MFA WOULD STUDY THE MATTER MOST SERIOUSLY. I DELIVERED ARABIC TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE (PREVIOUSLY LEFT WITH POLITICAL DEPT., MFA) FOR HIS PERSONAL USE IN BRIEFING MINISTER.
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